provision of wage employment by utilising their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets. This programme targets the urban poor who have read upto 9th class and are living below the poverty line, as defined from time to time. This programme is funded on 75:25 basis between the Centre and the States.

(b) The details of Central funds released under the scheme in favour of the Government of Assam during the last three years are as follows:—

(Rs in Lakhs)

1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	Total (1997-2000)
540.38	823.08	191.07	1554.53

(c) Guidelines have been issued to all the States / UTs for the effective implementation of the scheme. Government is monitoring the scheme through the quarterly progress reports and through regular review meetings at the level of Minister/secretary with Secretaries of States / UTs.

Representations Regarding Shifting of Garages by the Residents of Mayur Vihar

151. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that DDA has constructed houses in many colonies in an unplanned manner;

(b) whether Government are also aware that a large number of ground floor residents of Pocket-1, Phase-1, Mayur Vihar, Delhi, have been discriminated by D.D.A. by constructing garages in their backyard giving them practically a much smaller courtyard compared to their immediate neighbours where garages have not been constructed;

(c) whether Government have received any representations in this regard for shifting of these garages;

(d) if so, the action taken on these representations; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) The DDA has been constructing houses in a planned manner.

(b) No discrimination has been made by the DDA with any of the flat owners. The size of the courtyard for all the ground floor flats is uniform in Pkt. 1, Phase-1, Mayur Vihar.

(c) to (e) The DDA have reported that it had rec .ived a representation in August, 1997. But, the request was not agreed to, as the scooter garages provided for Ist and IInd floor allottees do not effect courtyard allotted to residents / allottees of ground floor.

HUDCO Loan for Improving Sewage System in Vishakhapatnam

152. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the loan sanctioned by HUDCO to Andhra Pradesh for the year 2000-2001;

(b) the purpose for which the amount is to be spent; and

(c) how much has been sanctioned for improving sewage system in Visakhapatnam?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) DDA has been constructing houses in a planned manner.

(a) and (b) During the year 2000-2001, as on 30.6.2000, HUDCO has sanctioned loans for an amount of Rs. 100.17 crore for housing project and Rs. 40.16 crore for various urban infrastructure projects in Andhra Pradesh.

(c) No scheme for improvement of sewage system in Vishakhapatnam has been sanctioned during the year 2000-2001. However, HUDCO has earlier sanctioned a sewerage scheme for the city with HUDCO loan assistance of Rs. 9.95 crore.